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Geschichte . . . Beiträge z. Gesch. d. d. Spr. u. Litt.? Would not the use of *P. B. Bei.* be equally clear and infinitely more concise? And why, in one entry, insert the number of the *Heft*, but omit it from another entry? Anyhow, why cite by *Heft* at all, instead of by page? Page 43, bottom, sub *Chettle*, Brandl's review of Ackermann is referred to *Litteraturbl.* v. 3, which is usually cited *Literaturbl. f. germ. u. rom. Philol.*; Zupitza's review is referred to *Archiv*, etc. ('94), meaning year 1894 (!), whereas usually the references are to volume (in this instance xcii, 99). Page 39, *Historia Brittonum*, Mommsen's article is referred to *Neues Archiv* 19, 2, but Zimmer's to xix, 3. Lastly, all the references to reviews in the *Anzeiger für d. Altertum* are referred to the *Zeitschrift*, though the two have different pagination and volume-numbering.

In brief, Petri and his successors ought to be exhorted to print at the beginning of each issue of the *Uebersicht* a strictly alphabetical list of abbreviations, and to use genuine abbreviations and not mere mutilations of title. To work with safety, this alphabetical list should, in fact, be prepared first of all.

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GERMAN ORTHOGRAPHY AND PHONOLOGY.

TO THE EDITORS OF MOD. LANG. NOTES,

SIRS:—You will allow me a word of explanation in reference to Professor Blau's review of my *German Orthography and Phonology* in the June number of MOD. LANG. NOTES. He quotes from my book:—

"and if Berlin remains the capital of the Empire, it must ultimately have an importance and influence similar to that long exerted by the speech of London and Paris,"

and adds:—

"Of course, Mr. Hempl has a right to express some doubt as to whether Berlin is likely to remain the capital of the Empire, and it is not on that ground that I take exception to the above passage, although I cannot suppress a sad smile when I meet with such a suggestion in this place. 'Es thut mir weh, dass ich dich in der Gesellschaft seh.'"

I know that one cannot write on pronuncia-

tion and expect to escape contradiction, but I did not suppose that my innocent statement as to Berlin would be misunderstood and arouse feeling. As a philologist, I had no right to prophesy as to future German history. Personally I may say, however, that I hope and trust that Berlin will long remain the capital of Germany. In fact, I should also like to see that Germany include the whole German-speaking territory.

Detailed criticisms, such as Prof. Blau makes, are very welcome to me, though most of the points that he refers to will be found fully treated in the Word-List; it would have overburdened the text to there incorporate many details. The majority of Prof. Blau's criticisms pertain to the question of what is most usual. Being himself one of those who very kindly report to me their own usage and to whose faithful and unselfish collaboration the book owes so much, Prof. Blau should not have forgotten that my statements as to usage are not based upon the personal observation of any one individual, but upon that of representatives of all parts of Germany. For example, I personally agree with Prof. Blau in having long *u* and *ü* in *wusch*, *wuchs*, *wüchsig*, etc., and, like him, never use the short vowels. But I found that this older usage (it is a case of § 141 *b*, not, as Prof. Blau suggests, of § 137, N. 3) is now rare outside of parts of Middle Germany; and, as I was giving an account of general usage and not of that of my parents' native Saxony, I could not report otherwise than I did. For Prof. Blau's explanation of the secondary stress of *Elektricität*, etc., as due to the chief stress of *elektrisch*, etc., I am thankful; it is certainly the correct explanation.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Prof. T. A. Jenkins, of Vanderbilt University, has prepared and printed a series of forty-five lessons in Bevier's *French Grammar*, for the use of second-year students. Sample copies may be had by addressing (with stamp) Miss F. Jenkins, Gwynedd, Pa., and a limited number are available at a price to cover cost of printing.